



## SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### Board Minutes April 10, 2018

**Recorded by:** Melissa Campos

**Attending:** Lisa Bittan, Steve Boyers, Melissa Campos, Deborah Castleman, A.C. Chaudhry, Bob Doblinski, Nancy Frey, Amy Hopper, Wesley Hough, Sharon Kilbride, Mark Landay, Emile Levisetti, Isabelle Mizrahi, Marise Relfe, Cathy Russell, Julie Silliman, Debbie Warfel, Marilyn Wexler, Cynthia Winter, George Wolfberg

**Excused:** Henry Lichstein, Natalie Schaefer, Ron Staake

**Absent:** Carrie Frazier

**Guests:** Michael Scot McIntosh, Sue Pascoe (Pali News)

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Marilyn Wexler.**

#### **Minutes March 2018.**

Minutes from March were deemed approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ron Staake submitted report after meeting due to extenuating circumstances.

Checking	\$ 2,885.14
Savings	\$ 24,145.45
Total	<u>\$ 27,030.59</u>
Grove balance	<u>\$ 5,938.57</u>
Aircraft noise	<u>\$ 3,175.91</u>
Courtyard	<u>\$ 757.90</u>

Currently there are 294 paid/voting members.

**CD-11 Report** – no updates to report.

**Park Update** – Nancy Frey reported that she attended the Park Advisory Board meeting but they did not have a quorum so no official meeting was held. Instead, attendees discussed plans for this year's Rustic Night gala which will take place on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Boca Report** – no report.

## Committee Reports

- **PCH Taskforce** – George Wolfberg reported that he had met with Senator Henry Stern’s deputy, Jeremy Wolf last Thursday. George and PPCC Transportation Advisor Patti Post made suggestions to make the meetings more effective going forward as Sen. Stern’s office is taking a leadership role. The next meeting will be next week.
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Sharon Kilbride summarized the most recent PPTFH activities. She indicated that there are still a few abandoned encampments that are too remote and / or unsafe for volunteers to access left after cleaning up about 20. They were advised to use a city contractor but were told that the sites were beyond their abilities. They then approached the Youth Conservation Corps which has agreed to take on the project as long as PPTFH supplies a large metal dumpster to remove the debris. The group is in the process of contributing the funds to complete the project.

Sharon also mentioned that there are still six service-resistant, chronic homeless in the Palisades but that there were no new encampments in the month of March. See their website [www.pptfh.org](http://www.pptfh.org).

- **PPCC Report** – Cathy Russell provided updates on the latest PPCC meeting. The Caruso Project is slated to open on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018. Vendors that will be located in the new Palisades Village include Amazon Books, General Porpoise, Vintage Grocers, Max & Bone, and others. The development will feature its own security covering the private property within the shopping and dining area. For the complete list of vendors, visit the Caruso Project website: <http://palisadesvillageca.com/shopping-dining/>.
- **School Report** – Mark Landay reported that the school principal would like SMCCA’s support for a crossing guard at the Entrada / Amalfi intersection that is currently staffed by parent volunteers. So far, the City has specified that it doesn’t meet warrants to qualify for a crossing guard. The school asked to have the existing crossing guard be relocated but that idea was not fulfilled.

**Motion made. By Mark Landay that SMCCA support a letter written by the school requesting a crossing guard. Seconded by Steve Boyers, passed unanimously.**

The school will be hosting its 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 4 PM. The event will feature a silent auction, a chili cook-off, a cake decorating contest, carnival games, and more. For more information, please visit the Fiesta Website: <https://www.canyoncharter.com/pages/fiesta>.

- **Aircraft noise** – Debbie reported that she and George met with Senator Harris’ So Cal Deputy Director Heather Hutt and that their office is tracking the number of daily complaints.

Debbie also indicated that she received copies of the briefs (Pacific Palisades brief was 112 pgs.) that were filed and that a summary will be written and sent out within a month. Anyone interested in reading the briefs can email Debbie at [debwarfel@gmail.com](mailto:debwarfel@gmail.com) for a copy.

Funds to support the litigation against aviation noise are trickling in but more is needed. If you would like to support the ongoing litigation with the FAA, please

donate today by mail or online. Please specify that the contribution is for the “No Aircraft Noise Legal Fund” in the check memo line or in the online form’s purpose section.

- Mail a tax-deductible donation to the address below:  
SMCCA  
P.O. Box 3441,  
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3441
- Donate online using PayPal at [www.smcca.org](http://www.smcca.org)

Steve Boyers recommended setting up a phone bank to call relevant representatives or officials beyond Congress regularly to apply pressure and yield additional results. Marilyn Wexler volunteered to work with Debbie to find people to run a regular phone bank. Steve Boyers and Emile Levisetti also volunteered to place calls.

If you are affected by the aircraft noise, register your complaints using any of the following methods:

- Download the LAX app <http://www.lawa.org/laxanc>
- Fill out the complaint form on the LAWA website <http://www.lawa.org>
- Call LAX’s Noise Complaint hotline at 424.64.NOISE

You can also contact the following government representatives and officials directly:

- Congressman Lieu's representative: Joey Apodaca, 323 651-1040, [joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto:joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov)
- Senator Feinstein's representative: Jeanette Cheng, 310 914-7300, [jeanette\\_cheng@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:jeanette_cheng@feinstein.senate.gov)
- Senator Harris’ representative: Brent Robinson, 310 231-4494, [brent\\_robinson@harris.senate.gov](mailto:brent_robinson@harris.senate.gov)
- Senator Harris’ staff assistant: Morgan White, 310 231-4494, [morgan\\_white@harris.senate.gov](mailto:morgan_white@harris.senate.gov)
- Councilman Bonin's representative: Geoff Thompson, 310 568-8772, [geoffthompson@lacity.org](mailto:geoffthompson@lacity.org)
- LAWA, Dir. of Planning & Environmental Affairs: Kendrick Okuda, 424-646-7357, [kokuda@lawa.org](mailto:kokuda@lawa.org)
- LAWA, Noise Management: Kathryn Pantoja, 424 646-6501, [kpantoja@lawa.org](mailto:kpantoja@lawa.org)

## Old Business.

- **Annual Meeting.** Marilyn Wexler mentioned that next month will be the Annual Meeting. It will take place on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Speakers include Councilman Mike Bonin and Officer Michael Moore. Sharon will invite the fire department to attend the meeting as well so they can answer questions from the community during the meet and greet session. Marilyn also inquired whether Rustic Nights would have a table at the Annual Meeting. Julie Silliman confirmed that there will be fliers handed out.
- 596 Entrada. Mark Landay reported that the house hedges have been trimmed, garbage has been cleaned up and there appears to be some activity going on so the project is moving along again.

## **New Business.**

- **Local Business Nomination.** Lisa Cahill from Councilman Bonin's office reached out to ask about local businesses that the neighborhood would like to spotlight. SMCCA will be nominating AC's State Beach Liquor Mini Mart.
- **Local Passing.** Carolyn Perry passed recently and George mentioned that her son and another person wanted to place a bench in her honor in the park. They are currently in discussions with the Park Advisory Board to get approval for the project.

Deborah Castleman mentioned that it would be nice to honor or mention Carolyn's passing at this year's annual meeting since she was an active member of the community. George indicated that he would work with Marilyn to include it in the President's update at the annual meeting.

- **Sober Living Facility.** A new sober living facility has taken over a leased house on Dryad Road. Local residents had a meeting to discuss the recent activity taking place on and around the premises (e.g., numerous people living in one place, daily pick-ups and drop-offs, smoking) and gather facts regarding the situation (e.g., length of the lease, issues in the neighborhood, type of business operating there).
- **Entrada / Stassi crosswalk.** Mark mentioned that he was interested in getting a crosswalk painted at the Stassi bus stop. In the past, CD-11 had mentioned that it did not meet requirements for placing a safe crosswalk but Mark mentioned that there are others with worse sightlines like the one at Chautauqua and Corona Del Mar. Marilyn recommended sending an email to Lisa Cahill of Mike Bonin's office to ask about it.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.**

**Next meeting, ANNUAL MEETING - May 8<sup>th</sup>.**